

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Public Service – Finance Department – Allegation of corruption of demand and acceptance of bribe by Sri Medicherla Rama Rao, Sub Treasury Officer (I/c), Avanigadda, Krishna District – Trapped on 22-08-2012- Sanction for Prosecution – accorded - Orders – Issued.

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FINANCE (ADMN-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 217

DATE :07-08-2013

ORDER:

1. WHEREAS, Sri Medicherla Rama Rao, S/o Subbanna worked as Sub Treasury Officer (I/c), Avanigadda, Krishna District from 19-07-2012 to 22-08-2012 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under section 2 (c) of P.C. Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

2. AND WHEREAS, Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao S/o Venkaratham, r/o Krishna Lanka, Vijayawada is a retired AP, Government Employee (Medical Department)

3. AND WHEREAS, it is alleged that Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao is a Retd. Dy. Para Medical Officer at Avanigadda Community Health & Nutrition Centre. He was retired on 30-04-2012. The A.P. Government sanctioned his pension benefits i.e., gratuity, commutation and pension of Rs. 14,50,000/-. The AG Account General of A.P send the sanction copies on 28-06-2012. One copy was sent to DTO, Machilipatnam and another copy sent to Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao. After 20 to 25 days, Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao contacted the STO Sri M. Rama Rao, Avanigadda, Krishna District over phone about the pension papers. On that the STO replied that the pension papers were not received so far. On 01-08-2012 Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao went to office of the STO, Avanigadda and met the STO at his office and asked him about the sanctioned pension papers. On which the STO demanded Rs. 10,000/- to send the papers to bank immediately after receipt of papers from the DTO office Machilipatnam and refused to receive the no dues certificate and gazetted attested photos from Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao. On 07-08-2012 Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao sent the gazetted attested photos and no dues certificate to STO, Avanigadda in speed post. Again on 17-08-2012 Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao turned up before the STO, Avanigadda and met him. On that the STO demanded bribe amount, which was earlier demanded by him. When Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao expressed his inability to pay the huge bribe amount and requested the S.T.O to reduce the bribe amount to Rs. 5,000/-. Then the STO informed Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao that he will not send the pension papers to Bank until he paid bribe amount of Rs. 7,000/-. As there was no other go Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao agreed to pay the bribe amount of Rs. 7,000/- to STO Avanigadda after securing the amount, on which the STO asked Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao to come to his office on 22-08-2012 at 11.00 A.M as the days before that are holidays and promised to process the file during the period. But Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao was not willing to pay bribe amount of Rs. 7,000/- to the STO, Sri Medicherla Rama Rao for processing his pension bills. As Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao was not willing to pay bribe to Sri Medicherla Rama Rao gave a report to DSP, ACB, Vijayawada Range on 19-08-2012 for taking necessary action against Sri Medicherla Rama Rao. On receipt of the above complaint, confidential enquiries were made with regard to the genuineness of Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao and reputation of Sri Medicherla Rama Rao. After obtaining permission from the Director General, ACB, A.P., Hyderabad a case in Cr. No. 07/RCT-ACB-VJA/2012 was registered on 22-08-2012 at 8-15 hrs u/s 7 of P.C. Act, 1988 by the DSP, ACB, Vijayawada Range and investigated in to.

4. AND WHEREAS, after completion of proceedings drafted under a cover of Mediators Report-1, the Deputy Superintendent of Police along with Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao, mediators, Inspectors and other members of the trap part left the DSP, ACB office at 09-45 hrs on 22-08-2012 and reached the vicinity of the office of Sri Medicherla Rama Rao at 12-30 hrs. As per the instructions of the DSP Sri Chennapurapu Trinada Rao went straight into the office room of Sri Medicherla Rama Rao, found him sitting in his chair and asked him about his pension forms. Then Sri Medicherla Rama Rao asked him whether he had brought the bribe of Rs. 7,000/- as demanded by him. Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao replied in affirmative. Then Sri Medicherla Rama Rao asked him to pay the bribe amount, Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao took out a wad of Rs. 500/- denomination currency notes from his left upper shirt pocket and offered the same to Sri Medicherla Rama Rao. Then Sri Medicherla Rama Rao received the amount with his right hand, counted the notes with his both hands and kept the amount in his table right side upper drawer and informed him that almost paper work was completed except pending for his signatures and showed the places where he has to sign. Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao signed all the papers showed by Sri Medicherla Rama Rao. Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao found that Sri Medicherla Rama Rao signed his signatures and the date mentioned as 22-08-2012 i.e., the date of trap (22-08-2012). After 10 minutes Sri Medicherla Rama Rao called Sri Premraj his Sr. Accountant to bring token register and Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao signed in the register at the place, where the token numbers were mentioned in the register. Later Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao received three tokens slips and sanction order copy on which the details of amounts were written by Sri Medicherla Rama Rao. Then Sri Chennapurapu Trinadha Rao came out of the office of Sri Medicherla Rama Rao and gave pre arranged signal to the trap party. Immediately, the DSP rushed into the office of Sri Medicherla Rama Rao along with other member of the trap party and found Sri Medicherla Rama Rao in the room. The DSP disclosed his identity to Sri Medicherla Rama Rao, conducted sodium carbonate solution tests on both hand fingers of Sri Medicherla Rama Rao and the both hand fingers proved positive. When questioned Sri Medicherla Rama Rao about the tainted amount, he produced a bunch of currency notes from his right side table upper drawer and as per the instructions of the DSP, one of the mediators took the tainted currency notes and the serial numbers when compared with pre-trap proceeding found tallied. The DSP got conducted chemical test on the surface on the upper right side table drawer of Sri Medicherla Rama Rao with cotton swab and the same yielded positive result. The DSP seized the tainted amount of Rs. 7,000/- and connected records etc., for the purpose of further investigation.

5. AND WHEREAS, the said acts of by Sri Medicherla Rama Rao, formerly Sub Treasury Officer (I/c), Avanigadda, Krishna District constitute offences punishable under sections 7 & 13 (2) read with 13 (1) (d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

6. AND WHEREAS, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being competent authority to remove Sri Medicherla Rama Rao, formerly Sub Treasury Officer (I/c), Avanigadda, Krishna District from service after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. Final Report, F.I.R., mediator names, statement of witnesses etc.,) placed before them in respect of the afore said acts and the circumstances of the case consider that Sri Medicherla Rama Rao, formerly Sub Treasury Officer (I/c), Avanigadda, Krishna District should be prosecuted in a court of Law.

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7. NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (b) of Sub Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of the above said Sri Medicherla Rama Rao, formerly Sub Treasury Officer (i/c), Avanigadda, Krishna District for the offences punishable under sections 7 & 13 (2) read with 13 (1) (d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offence punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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**PRL.SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FP)**

To  
The Director General,  
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